

**REMARKS**

This paper is subsequent to the Notice of Allowance having a USPTO mailing date of June 16, 2009.

The foregoing minor amendments are believed to be necessary in order to improve the clarity of the allowed claims, and accordingly, consideration and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. It is believed that these minor amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims requiring further consideration and/or search on the part of the Examiner.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was originally submitted on January 29, 2001, the consideration of which has not yet been acknowledged.

To the extent necessary, applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to the deposit account of Brundidge & Stanger, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing case No. ASA-672-02) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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